

# UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	Thursday October 22, 2009	<b>Time:</b>	10:00 – 11:30 am	<b>Place:</b>	State Capitol Senate Building, Copper Room
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<b>Members Present</b>	Narda Beas-Nordell, Russ Van Vleet, Debbie Rocha, Kris Shaw, Judge Larry Jones, Judge Leslie Brown, and Shirlee Silversmith
<b>Members Excused</b>	Holly Martak, Pat Berckman, Maria Garciaz, Manuel Romero, Salvador Mendez, Det. Trudy Cropper, and Jerry Oler
<b>Members Absent</b>	Debra Charleston
<b>Staff &amp; Guest</b>	Reg Garff and Cuong Nguyen

<b>Agenda Item 1:</b>	<b>Welcome/Introductions – Pat Berckman</b>
Notes	<p><b>Debbie</b> was asked to chair the meeting. Debbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russ <b>motioned</b> to approve September 17, 2009 minutes; Kris <b>seconded</b>. <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 2:</b>	<b>Northern Utah Gang Conference Report – Attendees</b>
	<p>Cuong reported that the two day gang conference in Ogden focused on gangs in school. The first day of the conference included gang prevention in school. The case was presented by Mr. Kirk Bauermeister, principal of a Jr. High in Orange County in LA. He showed how he improved students' school performance through: dress code, attendance, tardy policy, off-campus policy, hall passes, trespasser policy, and mind set. He also addressed bullying in school.</p> <p>Other topics of the day included school search of students and finally, "Gangs, Drugs, Weapons: What's happening along the US/Mexico Border and how it impacts our community" presented by Sgt. Richard Valdemar, LA County Sheriff's Dept.</p> <p>The second day focused on Gangs 101, Girls in Gang, Gangs and the Media, Disabilities and Gangs, and The Seven Most Important Steps in Gang Prevention. Most materials were presented by Mr. Arturo Hernandez. All of his PowerPoint presentations are available online at <a href="http://www.helpinggangyouth.org">www.helpinggangyouth.org</a>. The final topic of the second day was a Regional Gang Update. Ogden has 45 gangs identified - down from 50 two years ago; gang membership has increased to over 2000 and has been on a slight increase over the last three years.</p>

<b>Agenda Item 3:</b>	<b>POST – Update – Debbie Rocha</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debbie reported that the Cultural Diversity Curriculum Development for POST Working Group has developed goals and objectives for the class. The training will be named Community Relations. The Working Group is currently reviewing available curriculum used by other law enforcement agencies. An additional meeting has set for November 4 and 18 to continue the curriculum development. The goal is complete it by year end.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 4</b>	<b>2009 DMC Work – Progress Report</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utah County DMC Working Group – Jerry: The group met again on October 5, 2009 to discuss diversion, FY08 data, and three-year trends. Susan Burke, Assistant Juvenile Court Administrator, was also in attendance. We discussed the court process from a youth being referred to juvenile court to diversion. There were several items identified for possible improvement, one being the non-judicial letter that goes out to parents. It will be re-written, translated to Spanish, and printed as a double-sided letter. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2009 at 11:00am. Judge Brown recommended that we present to 4<sup>th</sup> District Juvenile Judges Bench Meeting. He said to contact Jim Peters, 4<sup>th</sup> District Court TCE, at 801 – 342 – 7216 to schedule a meeting or the secretary at 801- 342-7215 to setup meeting.</li> <li>Weber County DMC Working Group – Cuong: The working group met on October 21, 2009 and shared the same information with the Weber County working group. Similar actions were taken at this meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Probation Chief, Martin Nish will work with 4<sup>th</sup> District Probation Chief, Jerry Oler to draft the non-judicial letter that will be proposed for use statewide. No follow-up meeting is scheduled for Weber County Working Group. A presentation was also presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> District Judges Bench Meeting on October 16, 2009. Due to time constraint, there was no in-depth discussion at the judges’ meeting.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 5</b>	<b>DMC Annual Retreat – All</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date: Thursday November 12, 2009</li> <li>Location: The University of Utah, College of Social Work, W.D. Goodwill Humanitarian Building</li> <li>Tentative agenda include: 2009 accomplishments, challenges remain, FY08 data, 2010 priorities and plan, and next step.</li> <li>Parking pass to the meeting place was available and passed out to those in attendance.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 6</b>	<b>Remainder of 2009 Meeting Schedule</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 12, 2009</li> <li>December, 2009: NO MEETING</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 7</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OJJDP Annual Conference: Pat Berkman, Cuong Nguyen, Reg Garff, and Jerry Oler will attend the conference.</li> </ul>

**The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday November 12, 2009, University of Utah, College of Social Work, W.D. Goodwill Humanitarian Building, 395 South 1500 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84112**